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"What if the Hulk exists..."

...to protect us from Banner?"

"I HAVE LONG
HELD A THEORY
ABOUT THE HULK.

BOOM

"I HAVE NEVER
SHARED IT BEFORE
NOW BECAUSE,
WELL FRANKLY, IT
TERRIFIES ME TO
MY VERY CORE.

BOOM

BOOOOM

RAGHHH!!!

"WE HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT
OF THE HULK AS THE
MANIFESTATION OF DOCTOR
BANNER'S TRAUMA THAT
HE EXPERIENCED AS A CHILD.

"OR PERHAPS
HIS ID.

"HIS
SHADOW.

"HIS
FURY.

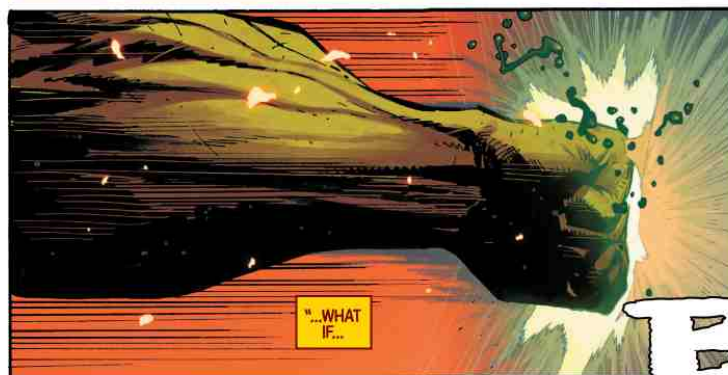




"HIS RAGE.



"BUT...



"...WHAT IF...



BOOM

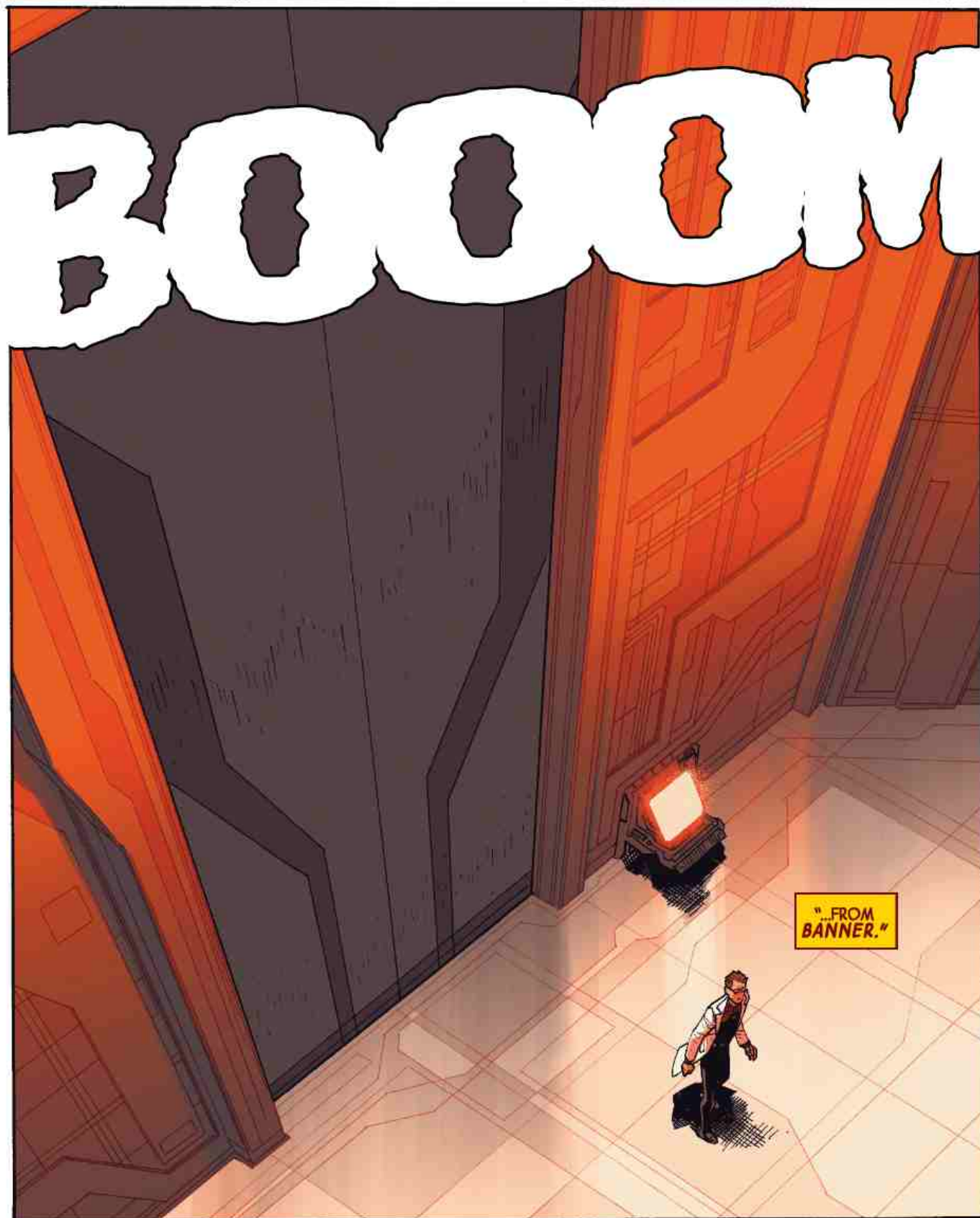


"...WHAT IF THE HULK IS NONE OF THOSE THINGS.



"WHAT IF HE EXISTS...

"...TO PROTECT US...



"...FROM
BANNER."



"SMASHTRONAUT!"

..... *part one*

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I DON'T
BLAME
MYSELF!
I BLAME
HIM!!!



BRUCE...PLEASE...
YOU'RE SCARING ME.
YOU...YOU DON'T SOUND
LIKE YOURSELF. JUST
PLEASE--

HOW
WOULD YOU
KNOW WHAT I
SOUND LIKE?
HUH?

HOW
WOULD
ANYONE?!



I'M ONLY USEFUL
TO ANY OF YOU
WHEN I'M NOT
HERE.

AND I
HAVE HAD
ENOUGH!!!

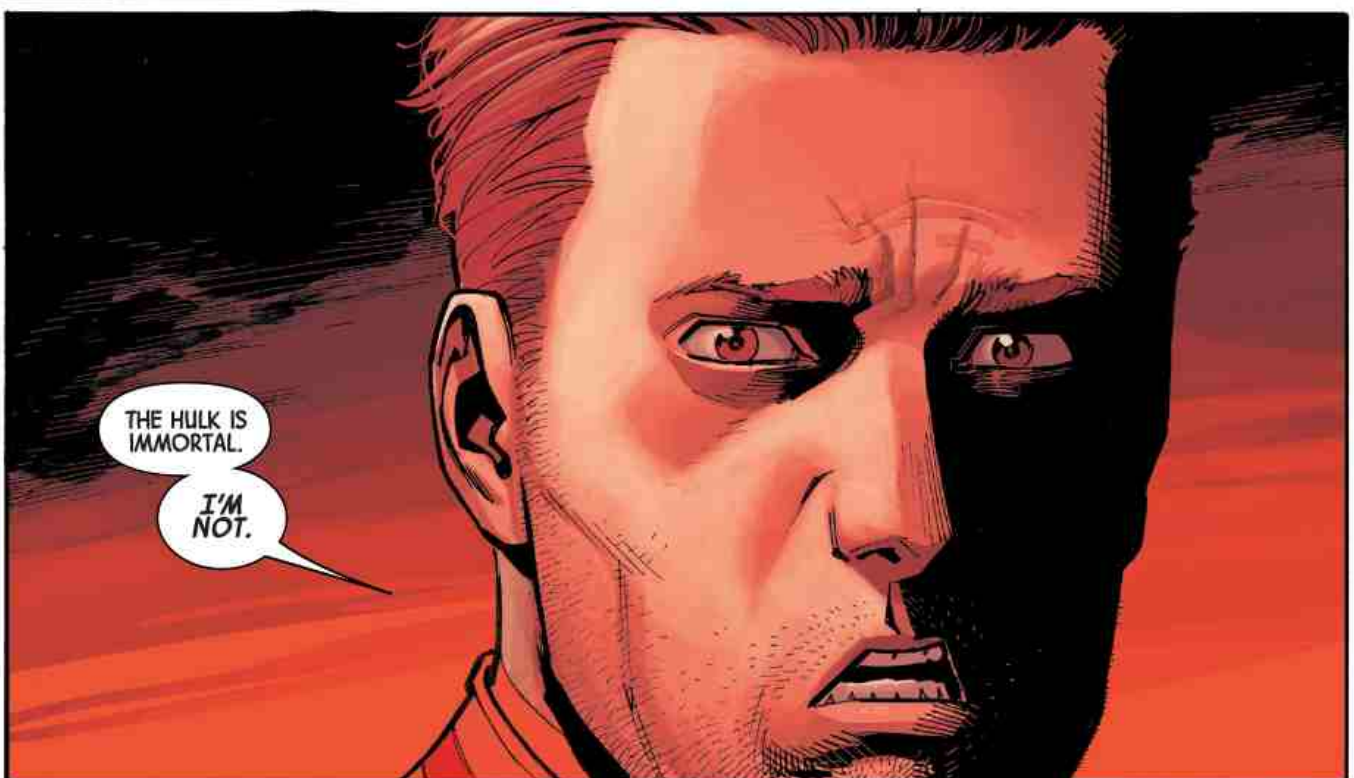


I NEVER
WANTED
THIS.

I NEVER
WANTED TO BE
A SUPER HERO OR
A DEFENDER OR AN
AVENGER OR A
MONSTER.

I WANTED
TO DISCOVER
THINGS. TO INVENT
THINGS. I WANTED TO
PUSH THE BOUNDARIES
OF WHAT'S POSSIBLE.
I WANTED TO BE
A MAN OF
SCIENCE...

BUT
THEN...



BUT UNTIL THEN, IT'S MY
TURN TO PUSH THE
BOUNDARIES.

BRUCE, STOP!
THIS ISN'T GOING
TO WORK! HE'S GOING
TO GET OUT AND
YOU KNOW IT.

THIS IS
GOING TO
BLOW UP IN
YOUR FACE!

HEH...
WELL, YOU
WERE THERE...

BOOOM

BANNER!!!

THINGS
BLOWING UP
IN MY FACE IS
HOW I GOT
HERE.

BOOOM

IT
MIGHT
AS WELL BE
HOW IT
ENDS.

NOW GET
OUT OF MY
HEAD.





HEY, REAL QUICK. IS... ANYONE ELSE **VERY** CONFUSED?



I KNOW. IT'S A LOT TO TAKE IN.

BUT IT IS WHY I HAVE GATHERED YOU ALL HERE.

THIS IS POTENTIALLY THE GREATEST THREAT WE HAVE EVER FACED. IF THE EVENTS OF EL PASO HAVE WELL AND TRULY BROKEN BRUCE'S MIND...



...THEN I FEAR WE MAY BE OUT OF OPTIONS.



WE HAVE AN OFFICIAL DEATH COUNT ON EL PASO YET?

ONE IS TOO MANY.



I HAVE IRON MAN TRACKING HIM NOW. HE'S MOVING THROUGH WUNDAGORE TOWARD AN OLD STARK TECH ARMORY.

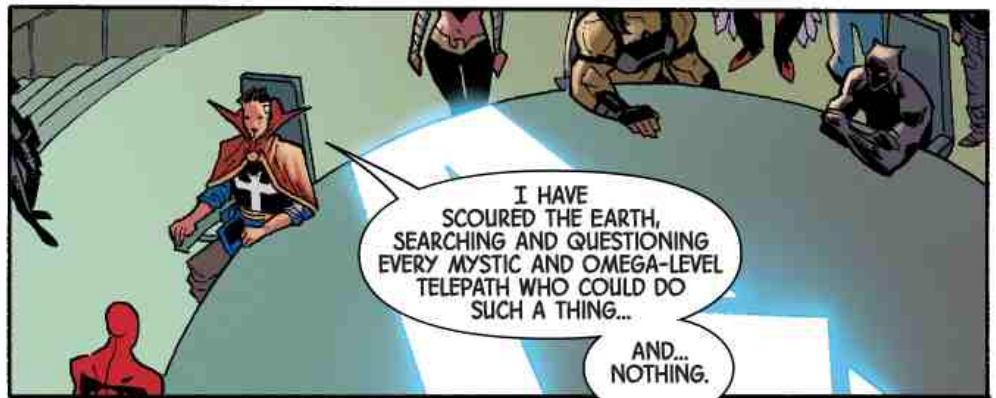
STRANGE, WHAT IS HAPPENING?

HOW IS BRUCE DOING THIS?



I...I DON'T KNOW. WHAT HE'S BUILT...

I DON'T BELIEVE EVEN I COULD HAVE ACHIEVED IT.



I HAVE SCoured THE EARTH, SEARCHING AND QUESTIONING EVERY MYSTIC AND OMEGA-LEVEL TELEPATH WHO COULD DO SUCH A THING...

AND... NOTHING.



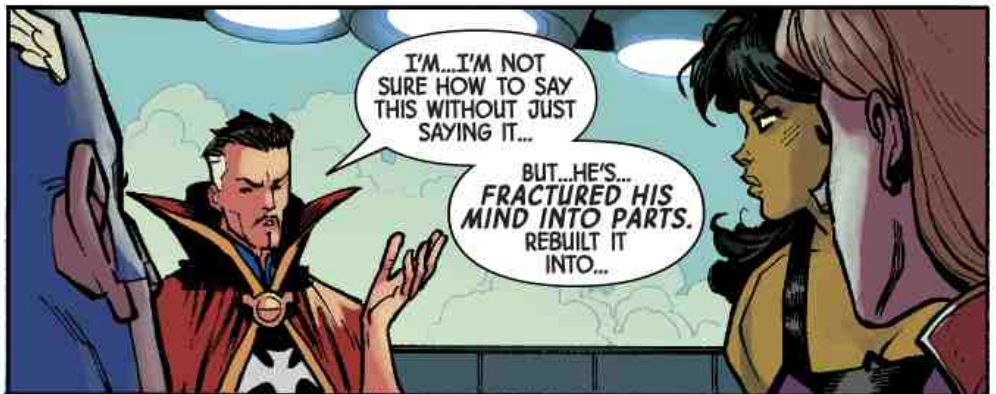
HE COULDN'T HAVE BUILT IT HIMSELF.

IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE...THE *MAGIC* REQUIRED...IT'S BEYOND--



STEPHEN. FOCUS.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?



I'M...I'M NOT SURE HOW TO SAY THIS WITHOUT JUST SAYING IT...

BUT...HE'S... FRACTURED HIS MIND INTO PARTS. REBUILT IT INTO...



...WELL...

"...I BELIEVE HE'S
TURNED THE HULK
INTO A STARSHIP.

ROGH!!!





SO FOR THE LAST TIME,
TONY: STAND DOWN
AND GET THE HELL OUT
OF MY WAY. YOU'RE
ALONE, YOUR ARMOR IS
BREAKING, AND I AM
GETTING THROUGH THAT
DOOR ONE WAY
OR THE--



AGH!



OH, COME
ON, BRUCE...

OH, COME
ON, BRUCE...

OH, COME
ON, BRUCE...

OH, COME
ON, BRUCE...



FWWAASHHH

YOU REALLY
THINK I'M OUT
OF TRICKS?



FWWAASHHH

AGH!





WHAT YOU'RE
FEELING IS ADAMANTIUM
NANOPARTICLE
SHRAPNEL, BRUCE.

NASTY
STUFF.



SEE, IT
BURROWS INTO SKIN.
EVEN YOURS.



AND AS IT DOES, THE
NANO-PROGRAMMING
FORGES THE ADAMANTIUM
AT AN ATOMIC LEVEL.

RAGHH!!!

CREATING ANY
SHAPE OR FORM
I WANT.



IN
THIS CASE?
A CAGE.



SORRY, BRUCE.
THIS IS WHERE
IT ENDS.



"WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE
THIRD ELEMENT IN THIS NEW
STARSHIP MIND PALACE...

"BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW...
TO MAKE THE HULK'S
EXTERNAL BODY STRONG...

"...THE HULK'S
PSYCHE MUST
STAY ANGRY...

"...WHICH IS
WHY BRUCE
HAS CAGED IT.



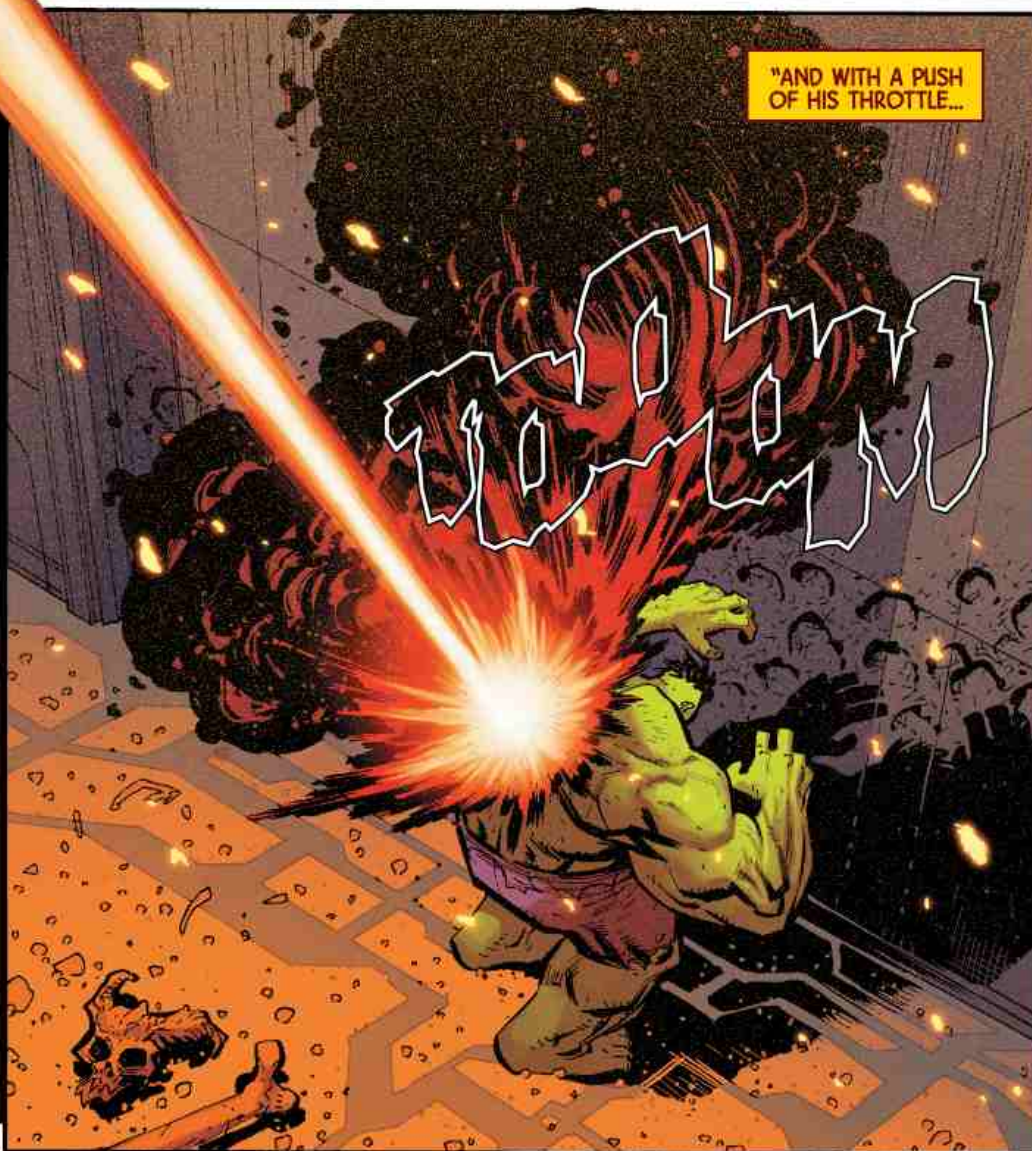
"PLACED IT IN WHAT HE CALLS
THE ENGINE ROOM.



STAGE ONE:

"AND WITH A PUSH
OF HIS THROTTLE...

BOOM



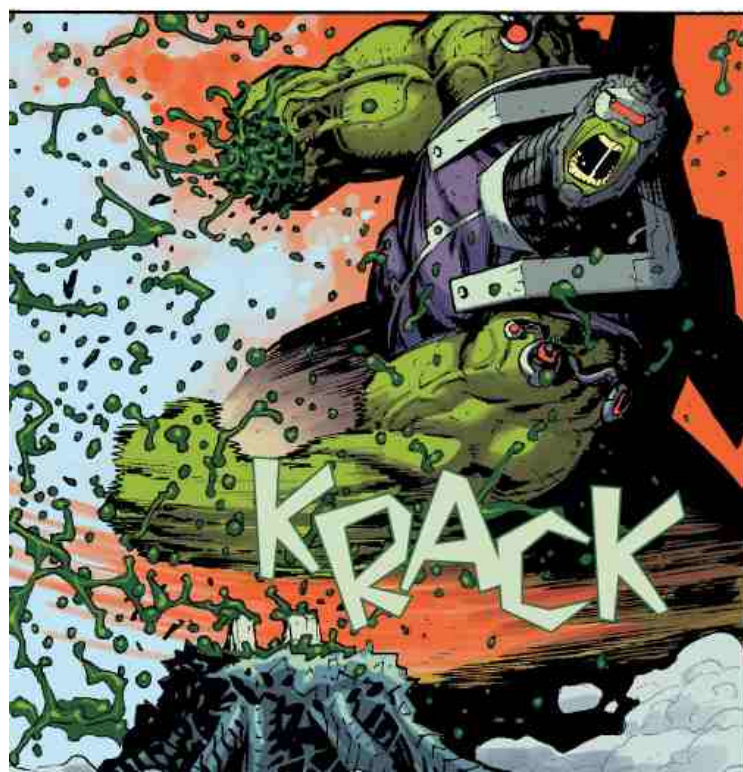
BANNER...



"...HE CONTROLS
THE HULK'S RAGE."



**INFINITE
ARMIES.**













PROJECT: A.R.K.,
RIGHT?

YOU'VE BEEN
BUILDING IT EVER
SINCE YOU PILOTED
THIS *CELESTIAL*
DURING THE KNULL
ATTACK.*

USING THE
LATENT CELESTIAL
ENERGIES TO CREATE A
WORMHOLE TO A POCKET
DIMENSION THAT YOU
COULD EVACUATE CIVILIANS
TO IN CASE OF
ANOTHER EVENT-LEVEL
ATTACK.

IT'S
GOOD WORK,
TONY.

*SEE *KING IN BLACK*. -WIL





RAAANGH!!!

"I AM
FUELED
BY IT."

TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT



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